



SC Public Charter School District Overview

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Charter Schools...

- Are tuition-free public schools.
- Are exempt from some state regulations in exchange for increased accountability.
- Accept all children eligible to attend public school subject to space limitations.
- May be authorized by the SCPCSD, a traditional school district, or an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) in South Carolina.



District Facts

- First year of operation: 2008-2009
- Each school is governed by its own, elected board.
- Attendance zone for all schools is statewide.
- Transportation is not provided.



District Structure

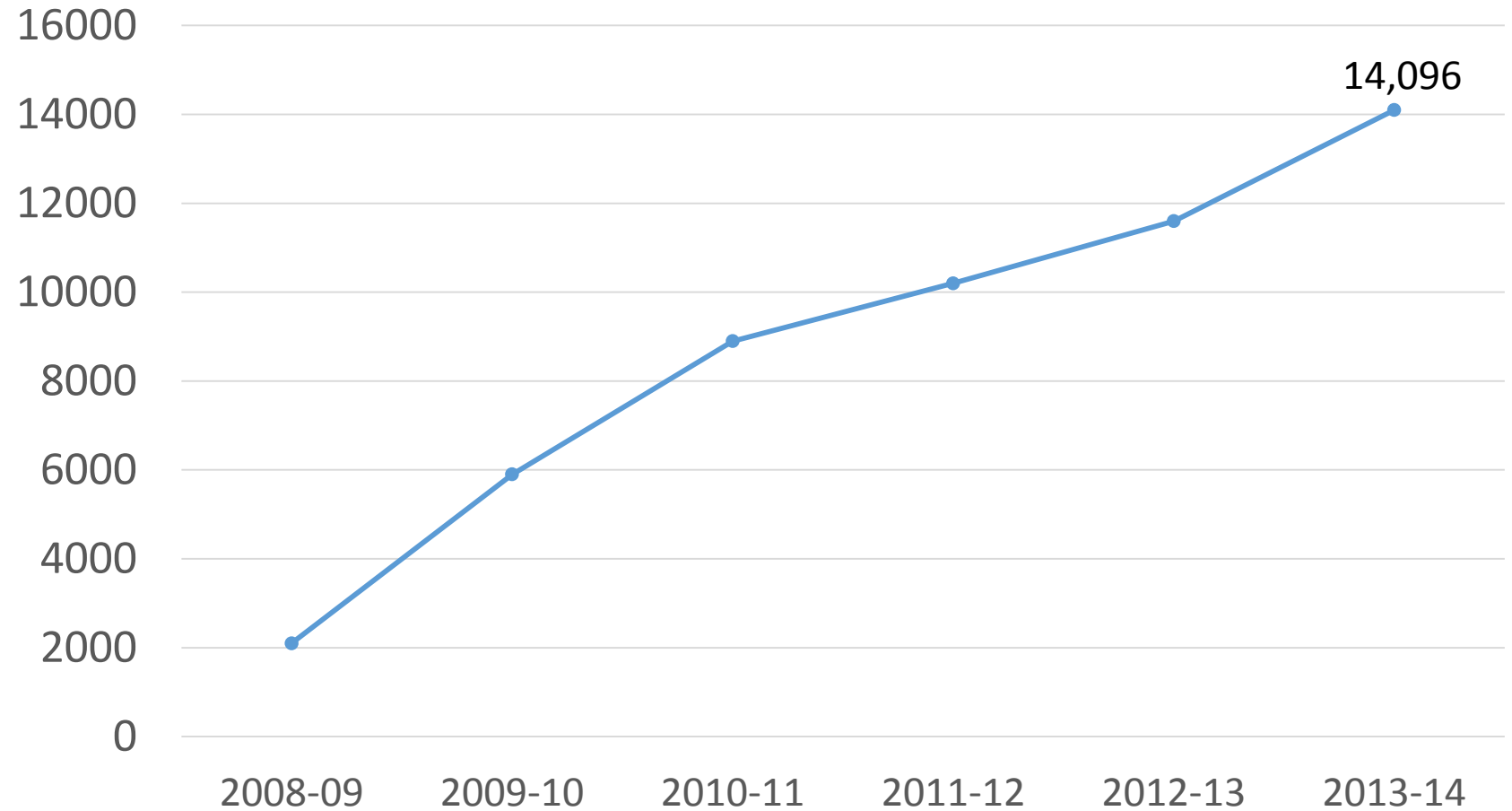
- Serves as the LEA and the authorizer.
- 14 full-time and six part-time staff members.
- Board of Trustees: Main function is to approve, deny, reauthorize, and close charter schools.



Enrollment

2008-09: 5 schools
2009-10: 7 schools
2010-11: 11 schools
2011-12: 13 schools
2012-13: 18 schools
2013-14: 24 schools

*13 schools approved
to open in 2014-15





Academics

Federal Accountability

2013	2012
75.5 (C)	69.7 (D)

State Accountability

	2013	2012
Absolute	At Risk	At Risk
Growth	Good	Good



Funding

- The SCPCSD receives federal funding and the base student cost.
- The SCPCSD does not receive local funding. The legislature appropriates extra funding through an annual proviso to assist with the difference.
- The SCPCSD receives no dedicated funds for technology, facilities, or transportation.



Questions